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SHARPSHOOTER AT PRACTICE



REG. HARDMAN, Moreland's South African-born inside-right, is acknowledged as possessing one of the hardest shots in Victoria. He is seen above flicking the ball into position prior to taking a shot at goal.

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



The alarming incidence of major accidents in games during the past three years is, to say the least, extremely disquietening. It has always been the proud boast of soccer men that their game is free from the welter of broken collarbones which follow in the wake of rugby, and the spate of torn tendons and cartilage which beset the follower of Victoria's local game. The accident rate in Victorian soccer is out of all proportion to the number of clubs playing in the State. The number of serious injuries, which shows no signs of abating, makes one pause and wonder whether in many cases skill is being sacrificed to the determination to get the ball at all costs. If this is so, then it can lead to only one thing: many good players — married ones in particular — many may be lost to the game, should they feel that the risk of injury (with the possible accompanying loss of months of time) is too great to make playing worth while. The drinking of beer before a game should be avoided by all players, as it leads to a falling off in judgment, which many players endeavour to make up for by crash tactics in tackling. It is the responsibility of club officials to ensure that no man who has been drinking should be allowed to play, and thereby endanger other players.

These remarks are not aimed at any individual, and do not refer to any specific case or cases. Nevertheless, there are many players who can well take them to heart.

Now that the Leagues have started on the second round, the struggle for promotion and to avoid relegation will become more intense.

All sections are still sufficiently open for minor changes, from injury, etc., to cause upsets, but a few more rounds should now indicate pretty clearly who are the likely "premiers".

This week we must point out that the production of this weekly paper, at the request of the clubs, has not been easy. Production would be facilitated considerably if certain clubs would expedite payments. There are three clubs — one of which has been operating for years and should know better — who have not made any payments for "Soccer News" although they have received and presumably sold nine issues.

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CANDID COMMENTS

By "PILGRIM"

With the season just passing the halfway stage, it is apparent to many soccer folk that many problems that have arisen at this early stage of the season will have to be tackled. In fact, if any real vision had been shown some of them would never have occurred. However, if lessons learnt this season are heeded, it would seem that the present chaotic state of the League programme could never happen again. Chaotic is the right word, because we will have First Grade clubs being 2, 3 and 4 games behind in their fixtures before long — something unheard of for a long, long time. The practice of clubs being allowed interstate trips or visits during the League programme will have to be curtailed. Whilst their propaganda value is beneficial, it should not be done at the expense of our League programme. I suggest the King's Birthday weekend be declared an open date for such trips by all clubs, and no other Saturdays be permitted. Whatever is done should be done soon, and not left to the beginning of next season. Clubs would know by then where they stand. For the present any club with initiative and enterprise could stage mid-week games with a 3.30 or 4 p.m. kick-off to catch up.

Another subject which always provides controversy is promotion and relegation. For years one school of thought always argued that the top two teams should go up automatically by their performances on the field. However, there were other administrators who realised that if soccer were to make headway other factors besides mere winning of matches should be taken into consideration, and rightly so. First, Second Division, or Third Division teams all have obligations, such as financial, fielding Reserve teams, sponsoring Juniors and Schoolboys, supporting such projects as "Soccer News", etc. In general, these are carried out by the well run club and soccer benefits as a whole. However, others fail lamentably. Reserve teams are not fielded, often delegates are missing from meetings, no effort is made to foster Juniors. The Association receives little co-operation, and some clubs have to be cajoled into even phoning their results! Clubs who are constant offenders cannot expect much sympathy from the present Council, who have the onerous job of battling against odds outside the code, besides inside it. A few of these clubs, I think, are in for a rude awakening. The motto for the future should be "Quality, Not Quantity", especially with the mushroom growth over the past few years.

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JUNIORS ACKNOWLEDGE DONATIONS

The Victorian Junior Association hereby acknowledges a donation of £2/2/- from Mr. Sykes, of East St. Kilda, towards the Junior and Schoolboys Interstate Fund. Many thanks, Mr. Sykes, and we hope that many more soccer fans follow your example.

The proceeds of the collection taken at Olympic Park on Sunday last was £5/6/-. This amount will go also to the Junior Interstate Fund, and our thanks are given to the Council for permitting us to take up the collection, and to all those soccer enthusiasts who witnessed the Interstate Trial match, and who put in the collection box so liberally.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Inducement to Players.—The Council has resolved that any club found guilty of offering financial inducements to any player for the purpose of obtaining the player's services, will be immediately expelled from the Association.

Promotion and Relegation.—The following promotion and relegation will operate for season 1950:—1st Division: Two bottom teams to be relegated to 2nd Division. 2nd Division: Two top teams to be promoted to 1st Division; two bottom teams to be relegated to 3rd Division. 3rd Division North: Top team to be promoted to 2nd Division. 3rd Division South: Top team to be promoted to 2nd Division. In the event of clubs having the same number of points, goal average will be the deciding factor.

Social Committee.—Applications are invited to enable the Association to form a Social Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Polites, of the Council. All clubs and supporters are reminded that a ball will be held in St. Kilda Town Hall in November. All applications should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. Beaton, 2 Clendon Road, Armadale, S.E.3.

White Eagles Soccer Club.—The secretary has been notified by White Eagles that their ground is situated at the Rifle Range, North Williamstown.

Melbourne University.—Mr. W. Falvey has resigned as secretary, and the new secretary is Mr. K. S. Warburton, 15 Hawthorn Street, West Coburg, N.13, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Interstate Matches.—Official information has been received that the Interstate Carnival will not be held in Sydney this year, and Queensland are unable to arrange a fixture with Victoria. South Australia has requested a fixture versus Victoria in Melbourne and arrangements are proceeding.

XVI Olympiad.—Messrs. Thomas and Beaton, chairman and secretary respectively, of the Olympic Games Sub-Committee, attended a meeting at the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday May 26, for preliminary negotiations to discuss site and location for soccer in the 1956 Olympic Games.

Coburg Soccer Club.—Club secretaries are again reminded that all correspondence should be sent to Mr. R. Carlson, 180 O'Hea Street, Coburg, N.13, as Mr. Pratt has resigned.

Royal Caledonians Soccer Club.—Royal Caledonians Soccer Club has a second team available for friendly matches. Clubs desirous of "friendlies" when they have a vacant fixture, should contact Mr. J. W. Kerr, Main Street, Lilydale.

Mr. R. Carlson has been appointed as secretary of Coburg Soccer Club. All correspondence should be addressed to him at 180 O'Hea Street, Coburg, N.13.

Soccer Broadcast.—On Friday, June 9, at 6.30 p.m. on 3AW, Mr. Low, secretary of the Referees' Association, will discuss various queries on the rules of the game. All soccer players and supporters are requested to listen to this broadcast.—S. BEATON, Secretary.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, a meeting of all sporting bodies was held in the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, May 26, to discuss sites and locations for the Olympic Games in 1956.

Sir George Wales was in the chair, and Mr. Edgar S. Tanner, as secretary, outlined the provisional arrangements, which would be made. Soccer was represented by Messrs. Thomas and Baton, chairman and secretary respectively of the Soccer Olympic Sub-Committee. During the meeting the above representatives took the opportunity to ask several questions relating to soccer.

The Games will be held over 16 days, but there will be only 12 days used for the completion of all sports, as Sundays are not included, and no sports will be held on the opening and closing days. Entries for the Games will close approximately four months before the Games commence, and an estimate of Nations entering the various sports will have to be made.

The Sorcer Council will be required to submit a request for the use of certain grounds, and also a suggested programme for soccer matches which will be played. It has not yet been decided whether the soccer competition will be conducted on a knockout basis or whether games will be played in the same manner as a League competition. The number of teams competing will decide the above factor. Another meeting will be held in approximately six weeks' time.

—G. BATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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MATCHES PLAYED JUNE 10, 1950

"SOCCER NEWS" COUPON No. 2

First Division:		
Home	Away	
Park Rangers v. South Yarra		
Prahran v. Footscray		
Hakoah v. Sunshine		
Second Division:		
Juventus v. Yallourn		
George Cross v. Sth. Melb.		
West. Suburbs v. University		
Third Division (North):		
Fifers v. White Eagles		
Williamstown v. Coburg		
Inter. Harv. v. R. Caledonians		
Third Division (South):		
Box Hill v. Park Rangers		
First Division Reserves:		
Sunshine v. Hakoah		
South Yarra v. Park Rangers		
Second Division Reserves:		
Yallourn v. Juventus		
University v. West. Suburbs		

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MORELAND SOCCER CLUB

In 1934 several members of the Brunswick Soccer Club got together and decided to break away and form a club of their own. From this emerged the Moreland Club with Messrs. Masson, Strang and Gillan, as founders.

In their first three years this club were third, second, and then first Division premiers. Since their first year in the First Division in 1937, Moreland have won the Dockerty Cup twice, the First Division premiership five times, and have never been relegated from the First Division. They are one of the few teams to have that coveted double, First Division premiers and Cup winners in the same year. We have been well represented with interstate players in Hardman, Grix, Kennedy and Gilbert. We have always had the same ground (Campbell Reserve) in Moreland Road, East Coburg, and thanks to the Coburg City Council, have one of the finest grounds and dressing rooms in Victoria.

Last season Hec Masson, one of the founders of the club, who had been secretary for some years, resigned, and a completely new committee was formed and the club is now run by the players. Treasurer, Marshal Lock and secretary, Reg Parkhouse, both well known as players, have built the club up considerably. Chairman, Jim Stewart, has also given the club a lot of his time and energy. Nothing is done in the club without the vote of its players and members. Coach, Les Gilbert is another whose efforts have been good. A big feature in the club this season was Harry Hopman and Tommy Trinder becoming patrons of the club. Training is done on Tuesdays and Thursdays under the lights on our ground, and players have the use of hot and cold showers, massage, and our recent innovation of infra-red lamps. Social side is catered for with dances, theatre nights, and this year a trip to Adelaide. We have big plans for Junior teams next season and are working in with the local school. Already we are training Juniors on Sunday mornings, and will be well in the fore next year. Injuries have affected us badly as we had as many as fifteen on the unavailable list this year, but are nearly back to full strength now.



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By P. SEARLE

PERSONALITY

Hector Hernandez, inside-left for Olympic, would be the only Mexican playing soccer in Australia. A Batchelor of Commerce, he is over here on a scholarship from the Mexican Government for the next two years, during which he hopes to obtain his Master of Commerce.

NEW PLAYER

Park Rangers, who have missed Jackie Wilson from their front line this season, look like signing on Thornton, of West Suburbs.

HEALTHY

The balance sheet of the Victorian Soccer Association is now being issued to all clubs. Very pleasing to note how the Trust Fund is growing.

JACK'S THE BOY

Sydney press reports on the first South African match indicate that Victorian representative, Tom Jack, was outstanding.

PLEASE EXPLAIN NEEDED

Rumor has it that a certain Third Division (North) Club will be asked to appear before the League Management Committee. Hap-hazard conduct of the club's affairs has gone far enough, it seems.

WHAT! NO RINSO?

Who was the Olympic player who went on the field with his shorts still muddy from the previous week's game? Looks like the captain wants a word in his ear.

ENTHUSIASM IS THE WORD FOR IT

Bill Meddick, prominent Hakoah forward, is a former English professional, who played with Coventry and Chester. As Bill lives at Wonthaggi, he travels down each Saturday and returns that night.

IT'S A BIT OF A RACKET!

Don't be surprised to see two big parlor coaches heading for Ranelagh tennis court, Mount Eliza, tomorrow, plus about 14 private cars. Leading club is relaxing with tennis.

TAKE A BOW, REF.

In the last few months eight international matches in Europe have been controlled by referees from Britain — certainly a tribute to the fairness of the average English referee, and his extensive knowledge of the game.

CHARITY BENEFITS

Sunday games at Wonthaggi, in aid of the local hospital, have been raising surprising amounts. An Italian team, versus Anglo-Scots, has drawn £25 and £37 respectively. We congratulate everyone connected with such a worthy cause.

THE FEMINE TOUCH

Who was the charming lady, wife of a well-known player, who was overheard diplomatically telling a "Soccer News" pressman to spell her hubby's name right. Certainly a good idea.

LAUDED BY THE OPPOSITION

Bert Gamble, new inside-left for Brighton, drew praise from many Sandringham players for a fine display. Bert, quiet spoken and modest, hails from Yorkshire, and will be a big acquisition.

GALLUP POLL NEEDED?

There is a suggestion afoot that ceding should be permitted into our Dockerty Cup competition. Apparently those in favor, dislike the spectacle of the big clubs knocking each other out of the Cup too early in the contest. Reckon the fans like it best with the full element of luck still in the draw.

INTERSTATE SOCCER

**KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END
1950**

SUNDAY, 11th JUNE

Metters-Canterbury, (N.S.W.)

v

Brighton (Vic.)

At Olympic Park, 2.45 p.m.

ADMISSION BY DONATION

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MONDAY, 12th JUNE

Metters-Canterbury, (N.S.W.)

v

Brighton (Vic.)

At Hurlingham Park, 2.45 p.m.

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CLUB JOTTINGS

BOX HILL

Last Saturday Box Hill met Hakoah at Olympic Park, with some alterations to the team. As Davis was not available (through injury at South Yarra), Zchnowski was included at inside-left. Brown was moved to right-half, whilst Hutchinson played at centre-half, where he has played well with the Reserve team. On this occasion A. Nicholson was promoted to the Seniors in goal, and it must be unique for a club to have three brothers in the same team — Bert and Jimmy being regular First team players.

Box Hill were quickly in their stride, but first goal came to Hakoah through a misunderstanding between the Nicholson brothers, Bert and Alex. However, Box Hill settled down to solid team-work and from a cross from Neil, who was playing at outside-right, a nice goal was scored by McFeeters. The Hill were now calling the tune, rattled on four more goals before the interval. In the second half, the Hill men scored two more goals and ran out easy winners, the final scores being Box Hill 7, Hakoah 2. For Box Hill MacDonald scored 3 goals, McFeeters 4 goals, and the half-back line did a good day's work. Neil also created the opportunities for some of the goals obtained. This win returns Box Hill to second place, but the competition is so keen that no one can guess who the ultimate premiers will be. On Saturday, June 3, Box Hill v Prahran game will be played at Olympic Park.

Other results.—Reserves: Box Hill 2, Hakoah 2. 3rd Division: Navy 3, Box Hill 0. Under 19: Park Rangers 5, Box Hill 3. Under 14: Box Hill 3, South Melbourne "B" 0. This win by the Under 14 team places them at the top of their Division, so keep it up, boys.

On King's Birthday weekend, June 10 to June 12, Box Hill visits Tasmania, and will play a representative team from the Tasmanian Association at Hobart on the Saturday, and a club game on the Monday against "Wanderers" Athletic, which is mainly comprised of migrants from Britain.

Mr. K. Martin, the social secretary, is team manager, and here's hoping that the boys will have a very successful trip and can show Tasmanians the high standard of soccer we have in Victoria.

WESTERN SUBURBS

The game between Western Suburbs Reserves and Juventus Reserves was played in good weather and before a fairly large crowd of the local supporters. The game began fast and good football was played by both teams. It was a shock to Juventus when Andrews scored. Play was fast, and it was a treat to witness the good football provided by both teams. Another shock came to Juventus when Cairns, the Suburbs' right-winger, sent in a perfect drive. The play was still fast with Davis and Borland (stumbling blocks against Juventus); then Juventus' inside-left sent in a low one, with Whitmore well beaten. Then followed another goal to Juventus, which made the locals very happy. At half-time the scores were level after a good exhibition.

Play resumed and again it was a fast and hectic struggle for supremacy, and in a scrimmage in front of Suburbs' goal, another goal went to Juventus. After this reverse, Suburbs attacked strongly and it was a due reward when Branagh levelled the scores. It was a ding-dong battle until five minutes from time, when Branagh again got possession and placed it well out of the Juventus' custodians reach. Congratulations to the both teams on their high standard of play; special mention to Juventus, who have improved considerably since the season began.

WILLIAMSTOWN

On Saturday we journeyed to Geelong to meet the International Harvesters and a very clean and hard-fought game ensued with 'town being the ultimate winners — 3 goals to 2.

The pace was on from the start, and after seven minutes of play Harvesters opened the score with a very clever piece of co-operation between the right-wing and centre. 'Town, through the medium of Syd Hamlett, equalised, shortly afterwards only to see the Harvesters again co-operate beautifully and once more

take the lead. So the score remained until just prior to half-time. Hamlett again broke through the backs and equalised, making the score at half-time 2-2.

The second term saw the pace on again, with the backs of both teams predominating. With 10 minutes of play left it looked as though the game would end in a draw; then Jack Harrop, 'Town's skipper, sent in a long, lofty drive, which the Harvesters' goalie just failed to hold, giving 'Town 3 goals, Harvesters 2. The score remained thus until time was reached. Best for 'Town were: Harrop, Amato, Foster and Wilkie.

We are pleased to report that Bill Coulter, who fractured his knee-cap against Coburg on Easter Monday, has left hospital and is making good progress. Our list of injuries still continues to grow, the latest being Alex Leighton and Bob Todd. Both received foot injuries against Caledonians and will be looking on for a few weeks. Our Reserve team visited Olympic and were beaten 5 goals to nil. Once again the referee failed to put in an appearance, and the game was refereed by a young fellow who, it was very apparent, had no idea whatever as to the rules of soccer.

MORELAND

In a hard-fought game, Prahran came out as victors, 3-1. The game started off at a fast tempo, Prahran scoring their first goal from a penalty. Moreland fought back and were playing well but could not get the ball past Ashworth in the Prahran goal. Prahran's second goal came very luckily, caused through a misunderstanding in Moreland's defence. Moreland scored with a nice goal by Vooren, who in his first game played very well. In the second half, Prahran scored their third goal by a nice drive by Taylor. Eric Heath played a fine game for Moreland, and is regarded as the find of the season. Moreland were minus two star players in Hardman and Sharp, who are on the injured list. A fine game was also played by Greenslade, Grix and Fairweather, whilst Marshal Lock turned in his usual good game.

Moreland will be running a dance in the Northcote Scout Hall on Saturday, June 10, and would like to see another big crowd along. All will be made welcome, so let's see all you players and supporters along.

UNIVERSITY

It was most unfortunate that Mr. Searle should choose last Saturday to write up South Melbourne United's exploits under the heading, "How to Toss", as University provided the big surprise of the day in beating us, 8-2.

South opened the scoring early, and went close on several occasions, until Sanderson pounced on a slip by the keeper to send in a scoring shot that Benson helped into the net. Sanderson had the satisfaction of seeing a 30-yard drive find the target, and at half-time University led, 2-1. Good work by Deacon gave Sanderson the chance to increase the lead, but South replied and looked promising up the leeway until a defender headed into his own goal. Further University goals were added by Jamieson, Benson, Sanderson and Benson. South Melbourne did not have the run of the ball, and their shooting was atrocious.

BRIGHTON

Elsewhere in this publication is an advertisement relating to the visit of the Metters-Canterbury Soccer Football Club to Melbourne, as the guests of the Brighton Club. To bring about this visit, Brighton has committed themselves to an expenditure of, at the very minimum, £75.

We hope, Sunday, June 11, in particular, that several thousand people will find their way to Olympic Park. Before such a crowd, and if conditions are favorable, both teams would undoubtedly turn on a display that would delight those present.

You and I have asked ourselves on many occasions, "Is soccer in Victoria comparable with that of N.S.W.? Are we right or wrong in believing that we have little to learn from them in this respect?" Sunday, June 11, and Monday, June 12, will supply the answer that both you and I are eager to know.

A cordial invitation is extended to all soccer clubs to bring along their Juniors Under 16, Under 14, and Schoolboys, to the game at Olympic Park, as our guests. No donation, of course, is expected of them.

Supporters of Brighton will be pleased to know that the Reg. Shrubsole Fund

is more than £10 in credit. The fund will remain open for several weeks, and further donations to it will be welcomed.

SOUTH YARRA

This game was played at Falkner Park on June 27. In the first ten minutes Yarra, moving very smartly and playing low ground passes, soon had the ball in the visitor's danger-zone, but the smart work of Footscray's goalie prevented any scoring, and eventually the ball was cleared. Footscray then settled down and time after time frustrated Yarra by their nippiness to the ball, the visiting centre-half and right full-back being outstanding in this department. Half-time came without either side scoring.

The second half was more or less a repetition of the first, although Yarra was very unlucky not to score when shots from Hore and Miller hit the crossbar with the goalkeeper well beaten. A few minutes later T. Sharp fired in a ball from thirty yards out, and the high bounce took Footscray's keeper by surprise but he managed to clear it. Both sides seemed by now to be tired, and the whistle went with the points being divided: South Yarra 0, Footscray City 0.

A very successful dance was held by the South Yarra Soccer Club on Saturday last. A large crowd attended and everyone enjoyed themselves, due to the music rendered by Norm Shingles' band, and the homely atmosphere that is engendered by the club.

Now, then, all you good people who enjoy a good night out, watch out for the date of our next dance, which will be advertised in the "Soccer News" in the near future.

BENTLEIGH

Although we lost 2-1 to the Police, it was a splendid match, and most people watching considered they were lucky to get away with it. Determination was the main factor of the Bentleigh side. The backs, Westley and Hinton, played a good solid game, and the goal we scored was a real hot one, George Charge making no mistake. As this match was the start of the second half of the season, it speaks well for a team that has had its share of misfortunes in injuries, so we look forward to a good second half, and thank all the folk that have supported us so well. We take this opportunity to announce that the usual monthly Whist Drive, etc., will take place in the R.S.L. Hall, Bentleigh; so don't forget to turn up and support us. The ladies will provide the usual goodly table. Don't forget — Whist Drive on July 6.

FIFERS 17 — SOUTH YARRA 0.

For the second successive week, the Senior team played against nine men, but the lesson of the previous week had been well learned, and the forwards totalled 16 goals. The 17th was scored by a South Yarra defender. The game was notable for the display of our latest recruit (Ernie Walker), promoted from the Reserve team and playing at outside-right. His crosses were a dream and his understanding with his right-half and inside-right was established immediately. We had been warned by the selectors that the Reserves were knocking on the door and there must now be a feeling of keen competition for many to retain their places. We have dreamed of running two successful teams in preparation for our entry into the higher divisions, and now, with a wealth of talent to coach and encourage, our dream looks like coming true. The Reserves had a disappointing journey to Box Hill to find that they had withdrawn from the Reserve League. It says a lot for the keenness of these boys to turn up for their occasional game. With so many cancellations and teams dropping out, they must wonder when the next match will be. Next social evening will be at Rifle Club Hall, Fairfield, at 8 p.m. on June 10.

PARK RANGERS

The match between Park Rangers and Sunshine United, which was played at Middle Park, resulted in a well-deserved win for the visitors by 3 goals to 1. It was a fast, vigorous game in which neither side was able to gain any advantage in the first half, the half-time arriving without any score. In the second half Sunshine forced a corner on their left wing. This was well placed by Lindsay Bird, and the ball was played by two or three players in the goal area before Hunter gave Weight no chance from close in. Shortly afterwards

Kyle converted a penalty, to give the visitors a two-goal lead. Mulcahy reduced the advantage when he accepted a pass from Nelson, to put the ball into an empty goal. Towards the end Lowe scored after taking a fine pass from Hunter.

Comments.—Weight and Roberts both had many chances to show their ability and acquitted themselves well. In general, Sunshine were quicker on the bounce of the ball and to the tackle, so that the Rangers' forwards were forced to shoot rather wildly when apparently well placed. One fault to be found with players on both sides was the use of the swinging elbows. Several free kicks were given for this, and in many other cases the referee obviously allowed play to continue so as not to penalise the side against which the offence had been committed.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

In a hard, bustling game City went down to Brighton. We offer our congratulations to Brighton who, on the day, made the most of their opportunities.

The Reserve team kept on their merry way and after a good exciting game classed Brighton. These boys will take a lot of beating in the Reserve Cup, and are looking forward to today's game against the leaders, Park Rangers.

The First team were glad to see Joe Bambia in harness again, and he showed a welcome appearance back to form. Tom Lowe, from the Reserve team, played at right-back in the First team, and played a good solid game.

Details of the King's Birthday holiday weekend, when we play Woonona Bulli, are to hand, and soccer followers can be assured of a good match, as five of the Woonona team have represented Australia, and also a couple have represented New South Wales. We have had a good entry for the Junior Carnival on that day, and a total of 27 Junior teams will take the field in a lightning premiership carnival, commencing at 10 a.m.

Supporters who wish to travel to Wonthaggi contact Cal O'Donnell or Don Bingham. Seats will be available at £1 per person.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



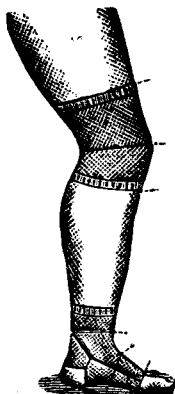
Sir,—As a quiz or querie, I would like the following questions answered:—What is the record First Division score and what teams played? What is the highest individual goal-scoring feat and who is the scorer? What players (if any) can lay claim to have played in every representative game in Victor soccer?: North v South; Metropolitan v Country; England v Scotland; for toria; and finally, Australia.—Yours in sport, "OLD-TIMER".

Sir,—Since coming to Wonthaggi I have tried very hard to bring soccer back to this town, and with the help of two other fellows (Mr. Philip Spooner and Mr. R. Douglas), we are getting really good results from the people of the town. We have played four games — three here, and have drawn hundreds of spectators. Two games here have been in aid of the hospital. Last Sunday, Hakoah played our team. We lost 4-1. The people enjoyed the game very much, and the match this weekend will be looked forward to by everyone here.

Please thank Hakoah for their kindness in coming to this town; also for their sportsmanship on the field. Every person who saw the game on Sunday declared that they gave a fine display of soccer. Remarks were passed in the local paper that the referee is the best one ever seen in this town since Wonthaggi was the leading team in Victoria.

Sandringham are visiting here on Sunday, June 11, to play Woonona Bulli. This game is organised by the Workmen's Club, but I am sure it will draw the largest crowd ever seen in Wonthaggi. We are already selling tickets for this match. I am sure the hospital will receive far more than £100.

After the King's Birthday weekend we expect to have a soccer committee formed here. Then the club will do their best to help the Soccer League in Melbourne.—Yours in Sport. W. E. MEDOLICK, Powlet Hotel, Wonthaggi.



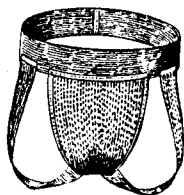
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JUNIOR SECTION

SCHOOLBOYS' LOCAL DERBY AT MIDDLE PARK

Great interest was centred upon the local schoolboys at Middle Park on Saturday morning, when the two local teams, Park Rangers and South Melbourne United, met for the first time this season. Friendly rivalry exists between the two teams, and at times, judging from the vocal support from the sidelines, one would have thought it was the final of the Dockerty Cup that was being played. South Melbourne fielded a player short, but with a determined effort managed to hold out until the final whistle, a goal in front. Some very pretty touches was noticed by players in both teams, and by the calibre of football shown by the lads, both South Melbourne and Park Rangers have little to fear their future senior players. It is a pity that these two teams only meet once per League auspices this season, for it would be an ideal curtain-raiser at Olympic Park, and an eye-opener to soccer fans to see these two teams in action against each other.

PARK RANGERS CAUSE A SURPRISE

Park Rangers Under 19 team caused a sensation on Saturday when they defeated Box Hill (third from the top) by 5 goals to 3. This was really Park Rangers first win under match conditions. Their first win was by default against Hakoah on April 29. Park Rangers players were delighted with their success, and if enthusiasm counts, they should win many more games before the termination of the season.

MOST INTERESTING GAME

The most interesting game in both sections of the Under 19 Division today will be that between Box Hill (third), and Brighton (fourth), in the "A" Section. Both teams lost last Saturday and both will be flat out to retrieve their lost prestige. A win for Brighton will place them in third position.

ANOTHER LOCAL DERBY

Another local derby will be staged today, this time between the Under 16 teams of the Park Rangers and South Melbourne clubs. Rangers, no doubt, will be all out to avenge their Under 14 team's defeat of last week. A good game should result, with the odds in favour of South Melbourne, who are in winning form, but with Park Rangers' good showing against the division leaders last Saturday, it is possible that they could turn the tables. In their last encounter, South Melbourne were the winners, 2-0.

BEST SCHOOLBOY GAMES TODAY

Although they had eight points deleted from their total, the Western Suburbs Under 14 team is only three premierships points behind the two leaders of their section. Their game today against Sandringham City could place them still higher on the list. This should be the best schoolboy game in today's round.

SCHOOLBOY INTERSTATE TRIALS

Schoolboy (Under 14) Interstate Trials will again be held at Middle Park tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m. The following boys will meet at Park Rangers' Dressing Rooms at 1.30 p.m. sharp:—Matheson (Ringwood), Orr, Bellott, Lea (Brighton), Routon, Hodgkin, Pridham (Sandringham), Petherick, Armstrong (Sunshine), Ducher, Bedford, Bolton (Box Hill), Westaway, Johnson, Thomas (Sth. Melb. "A"), Kelly (Bentleigh), Fairweather, Sacks, Marsden (Peston), Wittey (Park Rangers), Hocking (Sth. Melb. "B"), Laird (club not known), Pepper (Northcote), Hartley, Adam, Huckvale (Coburg), M. Stevens (South Yarra).

League Tables as at May 27, 1950

	Goals									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
First Division										
Sunshine United	10	8	0	2	27	13	16			
Box Hill	8	5	2	1	32	15	12			
Brighton	10	5	2	3	28	19	12			
South Yarra	10	4	4	2	18	14	12			
Prahran	10	6	0	4	25	22	12			
Sandringham City	10	5	2	3	20	20	12			
Park Rangers	10	3	0	7	16	18	6			
Footscray City	9	2	2	5	14	26	6			
Moreland	10	1	3	6	15	29	5			
Hakoah	9	1	1	8	14	35	3			
Second Division										
South Melbourne	10	8	0	2	38	21	16			
Yallourn	9	7	1	1	60	17	15			
Preston	10	7	0	3	39	19	14			
Juventus	10	5	2	3	28	15	12			
Western Suburbs	9	6	0	3	29	18	12			
George Cross	8	4	0	4	8	8	8			
Melbourne University	9	4	0	5	22	27	8			
Yarraville	9	2	1	6	11	50	5			
Ringwood	10	2	0	8	22	38	4			
Heidelberg	10	0	0	10	9	53	0			
(Melbourne University awarded 2 points for match v. George Cross. Not played owing to suspension of George Cross.)										
Third Division (North)										
Fifers	10	9	0	1	53	13	18			
White Eagles	9	8	1	0	51	9	17			
Coburg	10	6	1	3	32	23	13			
Williamstown	10	6	0	4	19	27	12			
Geelong Celtic	8	5	1	2	27	17	11			
Melbourne Rangers	8	3	0	5	18	23	6			
Woodlands	10	3	0	7	30	50	6			
Inter. Harvesters	8	1	0	6	15	25	3			
Royal Caledonians	8	1	0	7	17	30	2			
South Yarra	7	0	0	7	2	41	0			
Third Division (South)										
F.N.D.	8	7	1	0	47	4	15			
J.U.S.T.	8	6	2	0	38	4	14			
Olympic	7	6	0	1	31	12	12			

	Goals									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Vic. Police	9	6	0	3	26	14	12			
Moorabbin	9	4	2	3	29	16	10			
Park Rangers	9	2	0	7	22	36	4			
Box Hill	8	2	0	6	11	35	4			
Brighton	9	1	1	7	18	61	3			
Bentleigh	9	1	0	8	12	51	2			
First Division Reserves										
Park Rangers	10	8	1	1	38	14	17			
Sandringham City	10	7	1	2	23	12	15			
South Yarra	10	6	1	3	30	21	13			
Brighton	10	5	2	3	27	21	12			
Trahan	10	5	1	4	23	15	11			
Box Hill	9	5	1	3	24	18	11			
Sunshine United	10	3	3	4	28	24	9			
Hakoah	9	3	1	5	16	25	7			
Moreland	10	1	1	8	20	38	3			
Footscray City	10	0	0	10	10	51	0			
Second Division Reserves										
Yallourn	8	8	0	0	59					
Preston	10	7	1	2	34	15	15			
Juventus	10	7	0	3	45	23	14			
South Melbourne	10	6	1	3	41	11	13			
West. Suburbs	9	6	0	3	42	24	12			
Melbourne University	8	3	0	5	23	28	6			
George Cross	5	2	0	3	10	10	4			
Heidelberg	9	2	0	7	9	65	4			
Ringwood	9	1	0	8	0	32	2			
Yarraville	8	0	0	8	4	53	0			
(Clubs in this Division are reminded that points for cancelled matches will not be awarded unless claimed for.)										
Third Division Reserves										
Olympic	5	4	0	1	31	3	8			
Williamstown	4	3	0	1	17	9	6			
Woodlands	5	3	0	2	14	15	6			
Coburg	3	1	0	2	6	9	2			
Fifers	4	1	0	3	1	26	2			
Moorabbin	4	0	0	4	0	17	0			
(Box Hill has withdrawn from this Division.)										

Junior Amateur League Tables as at May 27, 1950

Under 19 "A" Section										
South Yarra	9	8	0	1	33	10	16			
Sunshine United	9	7	1	1	28	7	15			
Box Hill	9	5	1	3	19	12	11			
Brighton	8	5	0	3	28	10	10			
Army Apprentices	8	3	1	4	10	34	7			
Sandringham City	9	2	2	5	13	24	6			
Park Rangers	9	2	0	7	12	41	4			
Hakoah	9	0	1	8	1	6	1			
Under 19 "B" Section										
Yallourn	10	9	1	0	35	4	19			
Preston	10	7	1	2	31	8	15			
Juventus	9	6	1	2	25	17	13			
Sth. Melb. United	10	6	0	4	30	11	12			
Coburg	10	5	1	4	19	18	11			
Ringwood	10	5	0	5	20	16	10			
Metters	10	2	2	6	17	35	6			
Yarraville	8	1	3	4	8	11	5			
Moorabbin	10	2	1	7	17	36	5			
Northcote	9	0	0	9	7	53	0			

Under 16 Division										
Northcote	10	9	0	1	24	4	18			
Brighton	10	8	0	2	26	11	16			
Sth. Melb. United	10	6	2	2	27	11	14			
Sandringham City	10	6	0	4	19	21	12			
Box Hill	9	4	1	4	20	9	9			
Park Rangers	9	4	0	5	11	13	8			
Preston	10	3	1	6	11	1				
Ringwood	8	2	0	6	13	2				
South Yarra	10	2	0	8	9	32	4			
Sunshine United	8	1	0	7	2	20	2			
Under 14 Division										
Box Hill	9	6	1	2	19	5	13			
Sth. Melb. Unit. "A"	10	6	1	3	32	13	13			
Coburg	10	6	0	4	23	23	12			
Park Rangers	9	5	1	3	34	8	11			
Western Suburbs	9	9	0	0	33	5	10			
Sandringham City	9	4	2	3	13	13	10			
Preston	10	4	1	5	26	33	9			
Sunshine United	10	6	2	2	43	10	6			
Brighton	10	2	2	6	16	29	6			
Bentleigh	10	2	1	7	12	23	5			
Sth. Melb. Unit. "B"	10	2	1	7	7	26	5			
Hightett N.F.	10	0	0	10	4	74	0			

NOTE.—Yarraville has withdrawn from the Under 19 "B" Section. Under 16: Sunshine United v Box Hill match not played on May 27.
Club Secretaries are notified that points are not automatically awarded for walk-overs. Clubs must first apply for the points in writing to the Association Secretary, and then the Executive Committee will consider the application.